

REMARKS

The specification of the United States National Phase of the above identified PCT International application has been amended to include an Abstract of the Disclosure, corresponding to the Abstract appearing on the cover sheet of the published PCT application.

The original claims of the PCT application have been revised to delete the multiple dependent format thereof. New Claims 6 - 12 have been added. Claim 6 corresponds to original Claim 3/2; Claim 7 corresponds to original Claim 4/2; Claim 8 corresponds to original 4/3; Claim 9 corresponds to original Claim 4/3/2; Claim 10 corresponds to original Claim 5/2; Claim 11 corresponds to original Claim 5/3; and Claim 12 corresponds to original Claim 5/3/2.

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REVISED CLAIMS 3 - 5

Claim 3. (amended) Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized [thereby] in that said tube (1) comprises an aluminum-based material.

Claim 4. (amended) Tube-formed rock bolt according to [any of claims 1 - 3] claim 1, characterized [thereby] in that said tube (1) is symmetrical about two longitudinal sections (6, 7) which are perpendicular relative to each other.

Claim 5. (amended) Tube-formed rock bolt according to [any of claims 1 - 3] claim 1, characterized [therby] in that said tube (1) comprises a [number] plurality of substantially triangularly formed stiff parts (8) and intermediate U-shaped deformation parts (9).

REPLACEMENT CLAIMS 3 - 5

Claim 3. (amended) Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 1, characterized in that said tube (1) comprises an aluminum based material.

Claim 4. (amended) Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 1, characterized in that said tube (1) is symmetrical about two longitudinal sections (6, 7) which are perpendicular relative to each other.

Claim 5. (amended) Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 1, characterized in that said tube (1) comprises a plurality of substantially triangularly formed stiff parts (8) and intermediate U-shaped deformation parts (9).

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NEW CLAIMS 6 - 12

Claim 6. Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 2, characterized in that said tube (1) comprises an aluminum-based material.

Claim 7. Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 2, characterized in that said tube (1) is symmetrical about two longitudinal sections (6, 7) which are perpendicular relative to each other.

Claim 8. Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 3, characterized in that said tube (1) is symmetrical about two longitudinal sections (6, 7) which are perpendicular relative to each other.

Claim 9. Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 6, characterized in that said tube (1) is symmetrical about two longitudinal sections (6, 7) which are perpendicular relative to each other.

Claim 10. Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 2, characterized in that said tube (1) comprises a plurality of substantially triangularly formed stiff parts (8) and intermediate U-shaped deformation parts (9).

Claim 11. Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 3, characterized in that said tube (1) comprises a plurality of substantially triangularly formed stiff parts (8) and intermediate U-shaped deformation parts (9).

Claim 12. Tube-formed rock bolt according to claim 6, characterized in that said tube (1) comprises a plurality of substantially triangularly formed stiff parts (8) and intermediate U-shaped deformation parts (9).